

February 27, 2018

To: Representative Helen Head and Members of the House Committee and General Housing and Military Affairs

From: Abigail Rogers, Director, Advocacy and Government Affairs,

March of Dimes Northeast

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Re: H.127 An act relating to prohibiting smoking in multi unit housing

On behalf of the March of Dimes Northeast Region, I would like to express support for H.127 which would prohibit smoking in multi unit housing.

Secondhand smoke contains over 250 harmful chemicals, of which 50 have been known to cause cancer. According to recent data found by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 15 million children aged three to eleven, are exposed to secondhand smoke every year. Children who are exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to experience Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS, which is a key contributor to infant mortality. They are also at increased risk of asthma, acute lower respiratory illness, allergies, ear infections, and cardiovascular damage.

Please move this legislation forward and support H.127.